

MOLLY'S ROCK (Canoe Trip)

Distance: 10.5 km return

Difficulty: Easy

There is space here for at least a couple of tents, and would make a nice overnight trip.

Derivation: Uncertain, but possibly named for Molly Molasses (Mary Pelagie), a well-known Penobscot woman living at Bangor Maine in the mid-1800s.

Molly's Rock is a somewhat flat grey ledge, raising half a meter or so above the water, and the only suitable rest spot on that section of river.

Getting There:

From Fredericton, drive west on the TCH for about 71 km to exit 212. (between Meductic and Woodstock)

Take exit 212 and drive 1.7 km towards Meductic, turn left onto Temple Rd., and drive 4.3 km to the Benton Rd.

Turn left onto Benton Rd., and drive 8.4 km on NB-165 to Benton and an intersection with a covered bridge on your left.

Continue straight onto Boat Landing Road, and drive 400 meters to a parking area with a low dam to your left. The Ducks Unlimited dam transforms this section of Eel River into a 6 km long dead water.

There are 2 covered picnic tables at the boat landing that make a nice place for a picnic.

Also, there is a faint trail on the other side of the road leading to a picturesque rock outcrop at the water's edge.

The Trip:

From the boat landing, the route is not evident, but goes roughly SW (246 degrees) for 2.5 km before turning in a more NW direction up the right hand branch for another 2.5 km to Molly's Rock on your right. (45° 59.118'N 67° 40.422'W)



North



Boat Landing

Benton Covered Bridge





Oak Mtn.

Fish Creek

North

Boat Landing

Pocomoonshine

Molly's Rock

Green Point

Eel River

Pocowogamis

Sugarloaf Mtn.

